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THE Republican element in Spain is gaining headway and the king is beginning to show some fear for the future of his throne.

It is useless to raise any further funds for the sufferers in Bessarabia. The czar announces that he is financially able to handle the situation and that no aid will be accepted. This will be sad news to the Chicago American, as that sheet will have to find some other means of increasing its circulation.

AND now East St. Louis is stricken by the flood and is in need of financial assistance. Open your purse and be generous in your giving to those who have been deprived of their all, not only in that city, but in all places that have been thus afflicted. In times of trouble the American people lose sight of all factional differences and stand as one man.

THE disaster for this week was in the extreme Northwest. In Oregon there was a cloudburst. A mighty torrent rushed down the Wilson creek valley, sweeping the town of Heppner, leaving about 500 dead in its path and hundreds of wrecked homes. A dispatch says the property loss is reckoned at \$1,000,000, and the death list may be greater than the figures given. The people were caught in their houses with no chance of escape. Without warning a terrific wall of water came tearing down the creek and the next moment houses were wrecked and carried away on the crest of the wave. Many persons were killed outright and others were drowned in their efforts to escape. Bridges were swept away like so many matches. The disaster occurred just at nightfall, which made it all the more distressing.

A SERBIAN TRAGEDY.

Servia is in the agony of a revolution. The government has completely lost control over its subjects, and the unrest or dissatisfaction of the people—shared by the military—culminated last Friday in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, together with other members of the royal family. The tragedy, awful in its conspiracy and execution, was one of the most dramatic of modern times. The report of the slaughter in the royal palace reads more like Shakespeare's dramatization of Julius Caesar than an occurrence in the twentieth century. The mob forced its way into the royal palace and shot the king and queen to death, after having killed other members of the family and a few servants. There has been unrest with the people of Servia for sometime, and when the king married his queen, whose moral character was not above suspicion, the indignation of the populace blazed into a murderous passion. The military was also incensed, and, instead of protecting the king, the soldiers joined the mob and led the carnage. The situation is such that other governments cannot make expression, and there is a possibility that the Servian throne will crumble, a monarchy will be destroyed and a Republic established. The European powers are in a panic, for this seems to be a year of disaster and crime—and no ruler knows who is the next mark for the assassin.

The combined assembly of Servia—similar to our congress and senate—met on Monday of this week and proclaimed Prince Peter Karageorgevitch king. Reports say that, notwithstanding there is no publicly announced hostility to the new king, he is extremely restless, and manifests a personal fear and dread of governmental disruption.

BASEBALL

Keytesville Wins Game from Armstrong and Will Next Play Brunswick.

Keytesville's baseball team went to Armstrong Tuesday and won a game—but they had a run for their money. The teams were pretty evenly matched, and the Armstrong boys carried off the laurels here three weeks ago. Now, it is a game each, and both clubs are eager for a third contest to decide which is the best. The score at Armstrong was 14 to 13 and the one at Keytesville was 8 to 5. The feature of the game was the splendid batting by some of Keytesville's boys.

The Armstrong players had the best of the game up to the sixth inning, when Louis Hansman made a terrific hit, scoring a home-run and bringing in three other men. These four runs inspired the boys and they got down to business. In the eighth inning Hansman, with a three-bagger, brought in three more runs. This took all the laziness out of the Keytesville players, and so rattled the Armstrong boys that they couldn't rally. The score by innings was:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Armstrong	0	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	2	13
Keytesville	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	7	0	11

A FEW SHORTSTOPS.

Our boys will cross bats with the Brunswick team in that town next Friday, June 26.

There is a prospect for a game with the Kansas City team, which wants to play in Keytesville.

The Keytesville Regulars were defeated by the Boozers, Friday of last week, by a score of 10 to 9.

Our boys speak in the highest terms of the Armstrong people, and the courteous treatment accorded them by their hosts. A third game will probably be arranged in a few days—and then you can do your guessing.

A Pleasant June Outing.

One of the merriest events this summer was the outing on Friday of last week, enjoyed by a number of Keytesville's society people. After the ball game at the park, the merry-makers went to the brook and the forest. There they participated in amusements for several hours, and a happier crowd is seldom seen. Target practice and games were engaged in until twilight, when the "congress of beauty and senate of gallantry" adjourned. After partaking of a bountiful spread of choice edibles, (prepared and served by the gentlemen) they returned to town in military order, everyone wearing a smile and singing "Annie Laurie." This was one of those events that sweetens life, gives loveliness to the maiden and pride and courage to the boys. It was a happy time, and enjoyed by a jolly crowd. The editor of the COURIER and wife acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to be present, but "the madam" was too busy selling hats to leave her millinery establishment and would not permit "ye editor" to go without her.

Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville, Mo., postoffice June 19, 1903: Messrs Cramer Bros., Miss Mary Kinchelaw, Otis Sharp, Mrs. Bertie Sweetman.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

W. C. GASTON, P. M.

Paving Postponed.

Every good effort is not rewarded, but every good citizen is glad when he makes the good effort. Our highest duties are not always pleasant, and sometimes our labors for the welfare of others are not appreciated—and too often are marked with ingratitude. This truth sometimes deters men from doing much they otherwise would. The newspaper man is impressed with this fact every day. His duties to the public are sacred to him; his work is always in the open, and when there is contention he is usually the target for the opposing factions. Men in other vocations would become discouraged or disgusted, but

not so with the newspaper man. He is the servant and benefactor of the people, and must meet resistance and contend for what he believes is right—though it often means a sacrifice. The COURIER is a home-lover, and is always ready to give its support in every legitimate way to enterprise or improvement that will advance its community or contribute to the welfare of the people.

Not long ago some person suggested the paving of Bridge street, Keytesville's principal thoroughfare. It was a good suggestion and the work ought to have been done. The COURIER unhesitatingly placed itself in line with those who favored the project, and has never regretted it. The COURIER was among those affected, and would have borne its portion of the expense. But there were others interested, some of whom took the opposite view, and fought the measure to defeat. One of the arguments used was that it was placing the burden on too few, some implying that the city ought to do the work and pay for it by taxing property owners in even the remotest part of town.

Every public improvement contributes to an individual's wealth in proportion to his investment. The more property a man owns in a community the greater are his benefits. This being true, it is not extortion, or even unjust, to ask him to bear expense in proportion to his investment. The man owning \$2,000 worth of property would be benefitted just twice as much as his neighbor who owned only \$1,000 worth. As a matter of justice, then, he ought to be willing to bear the additional expense. Equality is Democracy and Democracy is right. Holding to this view the COURIER's only regret in the matter is that the effort was not successful. It would have cost us several dollars—as much as any other person holding like possession along the way. But we would have paid our portion cheerfully, and are yet in favor of the paving. It is unfortunate that such blessings are rejected by some of our best people. Men who are intelligent in a general sense, and who would be the greatest beneficiaries, are sometimes the strongest opponents. This is a truth, and "t is true, 'tis pity; pity 'tis 't is true"

At Hymen's Altar.

GREEN-SCHUPP:—J. S. Green and Miss Minnie Schupp, both of Triplett, were married in that village Saturday, June 13, 1903, Justice A. W. Guilloid making the twain one.

ULRICH-MODE:—John Ulrich and Miss Laura Mode, both of Salisbury, were married at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. G. D. Hamm, in that city, Thursday, June 18, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich are nice young people, and the COURIER trusts that their bark will find smooth sailing on the sea of matrimony.

JOSEPH-TULLY:—A very beautiful and impressive wedding took place Sunday afternoon, June 14, 1903, at 3 o'clock p. m. at the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Tully, when Warren Joseph led to the marriage altar their eldest daughter, Miss Annie. The attendants were Richard Clavin and Miss Essie Tully, sister of the bride. The bride wore a becoming costume of white albatross with silk applique trimmings, while the brides-maid was robed in a white shirt waist and black skirt. The groom and groomsmen were clad in conventional black. Rev. C. DeWeese pronounced the short and impressive marriage ceremony which made this happy young couple one. After the ceremony the bridal party, followed by about 70 guests, most of whom were relatives, went to their

MILLINERY AT COST!

Having purchased the Mrs. Mills' stock of millinery, I have decided to close out the summer stock regardless of cost. In this line can be found all the latest styles in ready-to-wear hats for from

25 cents to 50 cents.

If you want a hat, and want it cheap, now is the time to buy. Get something useful, beautiful and not unreasonable in price. My line embraces all these qualities. A bargain that does not include these essential ideas is something you do not want.

Trimmed Hats, Baby Caps, Gloves, Notions, Etc., Etc.,

all go in this sale at unheard of prices. I cannot picture in words the many articles I am offering in this sale. I invite all my lady friends to call and see.

MRS. C. P. VANDIVER

Keytesville, Missouri

It Will Pay You

to buy your Lumber and Builders' Hardware where you can get the best for the least money. My stock is new, bright, clean and up-to-date. Remember, that if you are not buying your

Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Lime, Cement, Screens, Etc.

from my store, you are not getting full value for your money. I want your trade and am willing to earn it by selling you better goods for the money than other dealers. Call and figure with me before going elsewhere to do your buying.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

W. W. HANCOCK

KEYTESVILLE, MO.

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way to the dining-room where they partook of a bountiful repast consisting of meats, salads, pickles, fruit, icecream and cake. There were not a great many valuable presents, but we give a partial list below: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clavin, grandparents of the bride, \$3 in money; A. Joseph, wife and daughter, Miss Pearl, rocking chair; L. M. Moore, glass butter dish; Misses Mary and Daphne Moore, table linen; C. Joseph, lamp; Mrs. C. Joseph, table linen; Miss Delia Joseph and little sister, Myrtle, salt and pepper shaker and pickle dish; Miss Mary Clavin, table linen; David Clavin and wife, \$1 in cash; Misses Velma and Gertie Joseph, glass butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Joseph, table linen. They also received about \$20 in money. The bride is the accomplished and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Tully, while the groom is a son of L. Joseph, one of our substantial and energetic farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph will make their home for the present with the bride's parents. We wish this worthy young couple a long, happy and prosperous life, full of sunshine and joy.

A FRIEND.

Summer Not "Busted." SUMNER, Mo., June 14, '03. EDITOR COURIER, Keytesville, Mo.

DEAR SIR:—

We notice by the COURIER of date of June 12 and by the "Summer Squibs" therein, that the city treasury of Sumner is M. T., which is a mistake to some extent. We don't know in what spirit the said item was written, it being written by your correspondent, who was, but is not now, "mayor" of our city. We presume it was written in a boastful spirit, hence we deem it proper that the public should know, not only a part, but all the truth, and the facts are as follows: Sixty days before the town election on April 7 this year, the treasury contained something like \$200, and we

think somewhat more than that amount, and when the new board went into office there was turned over to the new treasurer the sum of \$18.27, which was all that remained of that \$200 or more. We desire to say, however, that this sum spent was not used illegitimately, for it was spent to build a "City hall" for which the city has about as much use as a wagon has for five wheels, but it was built all the same, and now the city can boast of a City hall. We infer that the thought and purposes of the "old board" was that it, like "Belshazzar" of old, saw the "hand-writing on the wall," but unlike him they could read what the "hand" wrote and did not have to send for the wise men of the East, and in the said writing they read their coming doom, and instead of tearing their hair and bewailing their fate they proceeded to deplete the treasury in every "legitimate" way they could devise, and so well

succeeded that the sum of \$18.27 was left in the treasury when they retired. Now, does it not seem remarkable that with such a state of facts as these, the former "mayor" should attempt to make capital out of circumstances, for which, he, himself, is to blame, if blame there be? A further fact that there has been no taxes collected since the election, and the only income received by the town since that time has been the fines and the sum of \$53.72 from the county treasurer on account of the "foreign insurance" tax, and the town had to pay its current "bills," etc., and still has \$42.54 in the treasury at this writing.

We write this for the purpose of correcting any false impression the former article in your paper may have created in the minds of the public, and for the further purpose, that we, too, may be heard on this matter.

Yours Truly, A CITIZEN OF SUMNER.